MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to Improve the Quality of Doordarshan and Akashvani programmes

2829. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the details of the steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of the Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes?

THE DEPUTY MIINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): All India Radio and Doordarshan are constantly striving to bring about a qualitative improvement in their programme format so as to sustain the interests of their listeners/ viewers. Some recent changes are the revised format of the news broadcast by All India Radio at 8.00/8.13 AM and the experimental telecast of the recordings of question hour in the two Houses.

[*Translation*]

Branch Post Offices in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh

2830. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new branch post offices, proposed to be set up in Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh during the current year;

(b) if so, when these will be set up and the names of proposed locations;

(c) whether it is proposed to connect the branch post office through telephones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). 16 proposals for opening of extra departmental branch post offices at the following places in Rewa district during the current year 1991-92 have been approved: 1) Sadhahna, 2) Basahath, 3) Matima, 4) Dodo, 5) Madri, 6) Dubhaikhurd, 7) Pathat, 8) Reruva, 9) Garha 137, 10) Chambagarh, 11) Deokhar, 12) Bansa, 13) Leda, 14) Teghra, 15) Bahuti, 16) Dhangan. Sanctions have been issued for opening Post Offices at places mentioned from Serial 1 to 7 and the sanction in the remaining cases are under issue.

(c) and (d). Department of Telecommunications has planned to provide telephone facilities in all panchayat villages progressively by the year 1995. The telephones to be provided under this scheme will be installed at post offices, grocer's shops or any other suitable locations accessible to public.

Buildings for Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

2831. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether General Post Offices are functioning in small houses in Various villages of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct buildings for these post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI